

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 277 – SB 1039

February 23, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the death benefit for a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's (TBI) investigative reports on officer involved shooting deaths to be disclosed to the public as an open record after the District Attorney General has completed its prosecutorial function.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$300,000

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, death benefits for four officers are budgeted each year at \$25,000, or \$100,000 for all four officers.
- Death benefits for four officers will continue to be accounted for in the budget under the provisions of this bill.
- The death benefit increase per officer killed in the line of duty will be \$75,000 (\$100,000 proposed benefit - \$25,000 current benefit).
- An additional appropriation from the state General Fund will be required.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the General Fund is estimated to be \$300,000 (4 budgeted positions x \$75,000 benefit increase).
- The TBI and the Office of the Attorney General confirm that allowing the investigative record to be open to the public after the completion of prosecution will not impact departmental revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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